



**A THRILLING TALE OF HUMAN LIFE.**

"Oh, no," said Myra calmly.  
"What a strange girl she is!" thought Edith that night as she went to bed.  
And Myra said to herself again calmly

A strange smile crossed Leon's face.  
"You lie—murderer! Marie still lives.  
Listen!"

A house well built of first-class brick will outlast one constructed of granite.

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cloves are used more commonly than any  
thing else.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894.

MAY the New Year bring you joy.

The turkey was dressed for dinner.

To be or not to be, a general election before a session? It is an anxious question.

An exchange remarks that the days are lengthening, and thus the editor reveals the narrowness of his view. Australians will question the statement.

Geo. T. Angell, president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, writes in the society's periodical, "Our Dumb Animals," regarding college football: "If we can only get the Spaniards to adopt American college football, perhaps they will substitute for bull fights the prize fights which such vast numbers of American men and women bet their money on."

The changes made in the Cabinet are complete, and the ministers who have taken other departments took the oath on Friday last at Montreal, where His Excellency is at present residing: Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Premier and President of Council; Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Sir C. H. Tupper, Minister of Justice; Hon. W. B. Ives, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. A. R. Dickey, Secretary of State; Hon. Dr. Montague is in the Cabinet without portfolio, and Hon. John Carling is retired.

The editor of the Advocate, the Toronto liquor journal, was present at the ward meeting in Toronto when Mr. Marter made his now celebrated "unpremeditated" speech about prohibition and separate schools. The Advocate, representing the liquor interests, is now satisfied with Mr. Marter as a leader. The editor of the Templar, the Hamilton prohibition journal, sent a reporter to interview Mr. Marter regarding that speech, and now the Templar, representing the prohibition interests, is satisfied with Mr. Marter as a leader. Mr. Marter is evidently a more clever political tactician than he has been given credit for. The trouble with clever men of his ilk, is, however, that although they may present different fronts at different times, yet they cannot present two fronts at once, as would be necessary for success when the different interests confront them at the same time.

PRINCE ALBERT ADVOCATE: "As the Advocate stated on November 28th the report that a new N. W. Executive will at once be formed is absurd. Mr. Mitchell has not resigned and Saskatchewan representation on the committee has not been interfered with. A slice of unoccupied Saskatchewan territory was added to Mr. Innes's district at the last session of the Assembly. The action was unjust and was opposed by Saskatchewan's members; but it is useless to protest against that action now. Under the act constituting the committee, Mr. Tread, the defeated member at Medicine Hat, may continue to hold office until a meeting of the Assembly, though it is not likely he will do so. Should one new member be appointed in the meantime, it will in all probability be Ex-Speaker Jas. H. Ross, of Moose Jaw, thence a more suitable man could not be chosen, and whose early appointment as a member of the Committee, will be received with satisfaction in all sections of the North-West."

**RING OUT THE OLD.**  
Three days more, and another year will have been added to the vista of the past. What hopes we had, what resolves we made one year ago! Some have been realized and kept; others have not. Life at best is a series of struggles; he who struggles manfully is bound to progress; progression is a necessity of life. Despair and death do not lurk in exertion and activity, but in listlessness and inertia. Notwithstanding the broken resolves and disappointed hopes of the past year, let us renew our resolutions and our hopes, utilizing the experiences of the past to the better keeping of the resolutions, and trusting in an all-wise Providence for the fulfillment of our hopes.

**MUZZLE THE CANVASSER.**  
Campaign canvassing should be made a criminal offence. It is the mother of election corruption. That the office should seek the man, is a well-worn political axiom. But when men are given full license to set snares for the office, it is not surprising that the office falls into the net of the gamester, and very rarely is successful in its search for the man. We all admit that the campaign buttonholer is a nuisance and an evil; but so long as he is lawfully legitimate, he is a necessity. We say of the candidate who refuses to canvass, who refuses to make a house-to-house begging appeal for an office, that he is taking a manly and a proper stand; yet if his opponent uses the canvasser's privilege, our manly and proper candidate is a heavily handicapped starter in the race, and in nineteen out of twenty cases fails to secure election. There was an instance of it last week in Winnipeg in the civic mayoralty contest. The newspapers described McKicken as an easy-going good-natured individual, without inherent evil propensities, but one who might be used to the city's hurt by schemers. He canvassed and his friends rustled. Gilroy, his opponent, was regarded as a man of superior ability and integrity. He disbelieved in canvassing, and did not canvass. Result: McKicken elected by a majority of two. The best man, had he followed the disapproved custom, would have been easily elected. Therefore, we say, so long as canvassing is allowed by law, it is in force necessary that, as it might be put, the devil shall be fought with his own weapons. But as it is admitted to be evil, it should be by law abolished. The present necessity of canvassing in election contests, keeps many good men from accepting nomination for public offices; and the type of men thus debarred are just the ones that are best qualified to fill the offices.

The public platform is the place from which the candidate should acquaint the electorate with his views and policy.

**AN APT DESCRIPTION.**  
It is not often that a party paper wakes up to paint so true a picture of the condition and influence of the "organ" as does the Toronto World (straight Conservative) of the Empire (also straight Conservative) in a recent leader. The World says, "In its blind allegiance to partyism the Empire is on all occasions ready to call black white, to plaster whitewash on mud, to play the part of the lying valet generally. The biggest disgrace to Canadian journalism to-day is The Empire itself. The Empire is a journal without a spark of independence. It is a paper that possesses concrete form, but it has no soul, no independent mental autonomy. The Conservative party has found, and it will find, little benefit from the sickening adulations of its mercenary organ. It is a big mistake for Conservatives to subsidize a newspaper clique toying in humdrum style, the praises of the party leaders. The Empire is run on the write-up principle. It is a standing paid advertisement. The Empire does not interpret public opinion. No one pays any attention to what it says. It has no force whatever in the country. It never had. The hundreds of thousands of dollars already sunk without accomplishing anything plainly indicates that the paper is doomed to find an early grave. The kind of journalism represented by The Empire has long ago been played out. No such paper as The Empire exists in England or in the United States. It is the only one of its kind in Canada. And it will be the last we are glad to say. Such papers have been found to be sources of weakness instead of strength to the party to which they were attached. The great political parties of all countries now rely upon independent journals to furnish the support necessary to reach the people. A paper like The Empire can never command any self-respect. No newspaper can command self-respect that has sold itself body and bones to a capricious master."

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**BOOTS & SHOES.**  
**R. BOGUE.**

## THE '92 COUNCIL NOT TO BLAME.

The Mayor and Members of the Moose Jaw Town Council of 1892 have asked THE TIMES to be more explicit regarding the matter of the 1892 collector's peculations, claiming—and rightly—that the council of that year could in no wise be responsible, further than for an error of judgment when making the appointment, for the doings of a collector after a new council had been installed in office, whereas by THE TIMES' references it might be inferred that it was the 1892 council that had been remiss in its duties.

A few words will make the case plain. A collector was appointed in the fall of 1892. At the end of the year the council which made the appointment reached the end of its term, and a new council was elected. The collector continued in office for some months under the new council; it is clear, therefore, that it is not the council of 1892, but the council of 1893, which might be held responsible for the discovery of the collector's default when the roll was returnable in 1893.

Listening to discussions about the degree of gravity of the offence of temporarily appropriating public funds, we have frequently heard it urged as a palliation of the Moose Jaw collectors' conduct, that almost anyone in the position of those men would do the thing which they have done. We do not believe it; and any such excuses publicly made cannot have a tendency to raise the standard of integrity of public officers. The offence is a serious one, and the following clause contained in the Canadian criminal statutes, shows that the Parliament of Canada so considers it:

"Whoever, being employed in the public service of Her Majesty, or of the Lieutenant Governor or Government of any Province of Canada, or of any municipality, and intrusted by virtue of such employment with the receipt, custody, management or control of any chattel, money or valuable security, embezzles any chattel, money or valuable security entrusted to or received or taken into possession by him by virtue of his employment, or any part thereof, or in any manner fraudulently applies or disposes of the same, or any part thereof, to his own use or benefit, or for any purpose whatsoever, except for the public service, or the service of such Lieutenant Governor, Government or municipality, shall be deemed to have feloniously stolen the same from Her Majesty, or from such municipality, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen years and not less than two years."

"Anyone" who is willing to take the chances of having applied to him the term which this clause implies, has surely lost all sense of self-respect, and we have so much confidence left in human nature as to believe that such people are the exception, not the rule.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOX.

Were it not that the responses came too soon, THE TIMES might be taking credit to itself as having gained the ear of the Executive Committee. Two weeks ago we remarked on the delayed payment of the Agricultural Society grant. On the morning following the issue, the grant arrived. Last week we voiced the impatience of many settlers over the delay in payments for special relief works. On the morning following the issue the cheques came to town.

From information since received, we may say that the Committee was in no wise to blame as regards the Society grant;—payment was made with reasonable despatch

upon receipt by the Committee of the society secretary's report.

As to the special works payments, there may also have been causes unknown to those outside the sacred pale of officialdom, which justified the length of time that elapsed between the completion of the works and the issuing of the cheques in payment thereof. Our reference last week was intended as a word of information to the Committee rather than as a line of censure of the Committee.

If there is ground of complaint regarding the delay, it is well, however, that the blame be not placed on wrong shoulders. Settlers in South Regina do not charge to Mr. Mowat's account the delay which caused a similar impatience in that district. Neither is Mr. Ross chargeable in Moose Jaw district. Mr. Ross was an active agent in securing relief money for the several drought-afflicted districts. The promise of money was secured. There Mr. Ross' active agency ended. With the placing and spending of the money, he had really nothing to do: that was managed by the Executive Committee through a subordinate local committee. With the payment of the money he had really nothing to do,—certainly not so much as the members of the local committee. During his election contest he disclaimed credit for any connection with the relief works; now, on the same ground, he disclaims any discredit because the payment was not made with the expedition which the workers had anticipated.

As a matter of fact, the people in this district need have no desire to change places with their neighbors in Regina and Qu'Appelle. The cheques were all in full of account, and although they were somewhat tardy in appearing, they arrived very opportunely as a most acceptable Christmas box.

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Shirts, home made to measure, ..... \$2 each.  
Flannel Vests and Drawers, ..... \$1.25 each.  
Suits to measure, ..... \$16 to \$18.

Samples or instructions for self measurement sent on application.

## OYSTERS IN BULK.

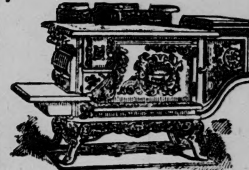
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## THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED.

From the volume of business we did on Xmas Eve, we conclude that nearly every one accepted our invitation to be with us on Xmas Eve. We are well satisfied with our Xmas trade so far, and we now want to clear the balance. On Toys, Games, Dolls, Picture Frames and all Plush and Leather Presentation Goods, we will give

### One-third off.

Our bargain table at ONE-HALF PRICE still contains some nice goods, including the balance of Xmas and New Years Cards.

This will only last until the 4th January, the day we want Cash.

## W.W. BOLE.

The Moose Jaw Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Connolly went to Regina last evening.

Jno. Boyle, school teacher, of Regina, was in town on Saturday last.

Robt. Hunt, of the C.P.R. service, went to Brandon on Saturday last.

R.J. MacBeth, asst. agent, C.P.R., at Estevan, spent Monday in town.

Major. Billman, of the Winnipeg Commercial, was here on Wednesday.

J. S. Macdonald, train despatcher, leaves for Medicine Hat on Monday next.

J. D. Pratt, of the Asst-superintendent's office, spent Christmas at his home in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Cameron, of Qu'Appelle, spent Thursday in town, and proceeded last evening to Minneapolis.

Mr. Cosgrove, of the Soo line train service, is visiting Regina and Whitehead during Xmas week.

The Moose Jaw Gun Club has secured 150 live pigeons, and will hold a match shoot on New Years Day.

Inspector Calder arrived from Edmonton on Saturday evening to enjoy Xmas with his Moose Jaw friends.

Mr. Campbell has been engaged to teach at Pioneer school, vice Mr. Connolly, who takes a school at Balgonie.

Thos. Falconer, of Marlborough, left on Wednesday evening for Lucknow, Ont., to spend some weeks at his old home.

Mrs. Robt. Wilson arrived on Monday from Dundurn and will reside here with her son, Mr. Russell Wilson, until spring.

Jas. Mair and family are spending a holiday in the neighborhood of Indian Head. They went down last Saturday evening.

Word has been received from Iowa of the death of Mrs. Rudd, whose husband was C.P.R. agent here in the early days.

Found, a sum of money. On receiving satisfactory proof of ownership, the same will be returned to owner by J. Rutherford, Moose Jaw.

S. D. McMicken left on Wednesday evening for Blue Earth City, Minn., bearing the \$1,200 insurance cheque for the late Conductor Murphy's mother.

Rumor is busy with the name of the wife of a section foreman on the Soo branch, whose husband states her desertion from his bed and board, and that she eloped with a gay Lothario who was engaged on the section during the summer.

A fancy dress carnival will be held at the skating rink on Wednesday evening next, January 2nd, 1895. Handsome prizes are offered. A hockey match will be played at 20:30 o'clock, after which ice will be free for all skaters.

Engineer Burpee with Mrs. Burpee, left on Tuesday for Southern California, where they will spend the balance of the winter. Mr. Burpee has extensive interests in orange groves in California, and his visit is partly in connection with that business.

Jas. McLean arrived here last week to take the duties of foreman on the west section, C.P.R., until the return of Jno. Thomson, who is spending a holiday at St. Mary's, Ont. Mr. McLean is an old-timer in Moose Jaw and is welcomed back.

Report of classification of pupils, the results of closing examinations, is crowded out this week.

"At Home."—There will be an "At Home" on New Years Day, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at the residence of Mrs. Simpson. A charge of 25 cents will be made in aid of the building fund of St. John the Baptist's Church, Moose Jaw. Everyone cordially invited.

Reports from the east and south show that the cold wave, and in some quarters blizzards, prevailed on Wednesday and yesterday. The storm extended as far south as Kentucky and from Nebraska to the Atlantic. Train service interrupted. No fatalities reported.

The mail clerks on this line last week were puzzled by a letter postmarked in Nova Scotia and addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole." An official had written on "via Wpg. and Fort Churchill," but the line that way must have been blocked and the letter came west. It is hoped that some little tot's faith in Santa has not been shattered by delay.

There are some changes pending in the despatching staffs on the C.P.R. western division. The Rat Portage office has been closed, the members of the staff there removing to Fort William and Winnipeg. It is announced that H. J. Nogle will be transferred from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw, and it is expected that J. S. Macdonald of Moose Jaw will go to Medicine Hat. Mr. Hunt, of the present staff at this point, will shortly go to Ontario on a visit.

The annual election in Lodge No. 27, A.O.U.W., resulted as follows: M. W. W. Bole; Foreman, J. McNeil; overseer, J. M. Simington; recorder, B. Bogue; treasurer, C. A. W. Stunt; recorder, C. D. Fisher; guide, Jas. Wilson; inside watchman, J. Furniss; outside watchman, K. P. McCaskill; trustee, B. Fletcher; grand lodge representative, C. A. W. Stunt; alternate G.L.R., J. H. Ross; medical examiner, A. R. Turnbull, M. D. Mr. B. Fletcher is P.M.W.

The Delinquent for February is the midwinter number, and the contents bear out the promise of the publishers that the magazine for 1895 will be more interesting than ever. The sixth paper on the Kindergarten introduces some fascinating work for little hands. For the housewife there is a reasonable cookery, hints on serving fruits and the continuation of the articles on the home. The chapter on the treatment of the eyes and ears will be of value to all who read it if its precepts are followed. The tea table gossip is as entertaining as ever, and the newest books are reviewed. The fancy work department is unusually attractive in this number, and there are papers on crocheting, hair pin work, knitting, netting, etc.

#### Date of Nomination.

When the Municipal Ordinance was amended and consolidated at the late session of Assembly, the dates for nominations and elections were changed to the First and Second Mondays in January respectively. Nominations will therefore be made on Monday, 7th of January, and the election will be held on the 14th January.

#### A Sudden Death.

Telegraphic intelligence was received on Tuesday by Mrs. T. B. Baker of the sudden death of her father, J. S. Marshall, proprietor of the Scotch Bakery, Winnipeg, which occurred on Christmas morning. He died at his residence, William Avenue, Winnipeg, after a brief illness, — congestion of the lungs, — at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Baker left Wednesday evening for the city to attend the funeral, which was held yesterday afternoon.

#### A Great Newspaper.

The greatest papers in Great Britain and the United States freely acknowledge the wonderful merit of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. The Family Herald is a great newspaper and a great family paper, but it is more than that, it is one of the greatest authorities on cheese, butter, general dairying and general farming. — How a progressive up-to-date farmer can do without the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal is hard, indeed, to understand.

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### PATRON ELECTIONS.

#### The First Annual Election of Officers in Moose Jaw Lodges.

The first annual election of officers in the lodges of the Patrons of Industry in the Moose Jaw District was held on Saturday last. On next Saturday, at Moose Jaw, the County Association election will be held. Of the lodges which have sent returns to THE TIMES, the following constitute the newly-selected directorates:

#### MOOSE JAW.

President, Jas. McClelland; vice, Wm. Hannah; secretary, E. Colpitts; treasurer, C. Burnett; guide, C. Langford; sentinel, J. E. Annable; manager, W. W. Neelands; trustees, R. Beard, Jno. McLeod, Mr. McNeil. Meets every alternate Saturday at two p.m. at Russell Hall.

#### MARLBOROUGH.

Pres., J. G. Beasley; vice pres., Thos. Falconer; secy-treas., J. D. Fraser; guide, Thos. W. Winn; sentinel, Thos. Bayne. Meets every alternate Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at Marlborough school house.

#### CARON.

Pres., Ben. Smith; vice pres., E. J. Cudmore; secy-treas., A. H. Powell; sentinel, Joseph Getty; guide, Andrew McKeown. Meets first and third Friday in every month.

#### BUFFALO LAKE.

President, J. P. Fowler; vice, R. McCarty, Sr.; secy-treas., Charles Riddon; sentinel, A. Moffat; guide, Dan. Gilmore.

#### Tedious, Though Comfortable.

A certain Board of Trade man of Moose Jaw, recently paid a visit to Regina, with his better half and his first-born, and from the capital they took a drive into the country to see relatives. In the cool of the evening they started on the return trip to town. The trail was well beaten and familiar, and the night was calm and clear, yet seriously enough the horse wandered off on to the unbroken prairie and very speedily our worthy gambler in stocks was hopelessly lost. Meandering aimlessly about, they at last encountered a vacant prairie shack, and on the principle involved in the adage "more haste, less speed," it was decided to call a halt. The horse was unhitched and taken indoors; and with rugs and coats the belated ones sought repose on the soft side of the hard-wood floor, and waited for daylight; it came, but not early enough to enable our hero to catch the 7:30 express for Moose Jaw, where he was due that morning. He came quietly home on the following morning, admitted that he had missed the train, but carefully refrained from imparting any particulars.

The above is a true tale without exaggeration or embellishment.

#### A Dangerous Pet.

"The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rutherford of Taylor, narrowly escaped death on last Saturday and all on account of the pet house cat. The child, their little baby thirteen months old, was lying asleep in its cradle taking its regular afternoon nap. Mrs. Rutherford was in an adjoining room and had not noticed the baby for perhaps a half hour; on entering the room she was horrified to find the cat lying on its head directly over the child's mouth sucking its breath. When reached, the child was quite stiff and its little body cold. It required some considerable time to resuscitate the child, who is now doing nicely, and it is a safe assertion that the pet cat will be more closely watched hereafter. Mr. Rutherford is station agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad at Taylor."—Dickinson, N.D., Press.

Mr. Rutherford was lately C.P.R. agent at Broadview, N.W.T., and is brother to Mr. Jno. Rutherford, C.P.R. despatcher at this point.

#### Agricultural Society.

The directors of the Agricultural Society met in the office of the town clerk on Saturday, the 22nd inst. The circular issued by the Lieut.-Governor re Territorial Fair was presented for consideration. The scheme was concurred in, and a committee appointed to reply to the Lieut.-Governor on the lines laid down by the circular. A move was made to procure Government seed wheat for the coming spring. The treasurer was instructed to pay prizes of five dollars and less in full; over that amount, five dollars on account. A committee was appointed to procure evidence for the Freight Rates Commission. Meeting adjourned for one week.

#### The Teaching Staff

At a special meeting of the school board held on Dec. 26th, 1894, at which all members were present, Trustees Ferguson and Galt moved that Mr. Laycock be re-engaged for six months with continuation of present salary; and Trustees Bole and Baker moved, in amendment, that Mr. McCulloch, of Regina, be chosen. Amendment lost; motion carried, and Mr. Laycock has again been engaged.

### S. S. X'MAS TREES.

#### Programmes Rendered by the Little Folk—Fun For All.

"There's no fun like a picnic party," said the song writer. Mistaken sentiment! Allow your mind to revert to the jolliest, happiest times in your existence, and with nine people out of ten it will be found that past Christmas seasons with their family reunions, Xmas trees, roast turkeys and mirthful entertainments, are the occasion of the most pleasant memories. These lingering, sometimes melancholy, and always grateful memories of Christmas spent in other lands, with old friends, and in our younger days, it is that lends one great charm to the Christmas entertainments of to-day. The manifold enjoyment of the little ones cannot fail to recall to older minds scenes of ten, twenty, or it may be forty years ago, when the yule log and the mistletoe were the symbols and tokens of fun and felicity so keen and complete that counterpart feelings are produced in no other season in the endless round of years.

#### PRESBYTERIAN.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment, given by the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Christmas Eve in the Town Hall. Two large evergreens at either end of the platform were laden with books, dolls, candies, etc., which were distributed by Mr. D. S. McVannell and Misses Dickey and McLeod. A programme of songs and recitations was well rendered by the little ones.

The hall was crowded and the entertainment proved very successful.

#### METHODIST.

On Xmas night the children of the Methodist Sunday School furnished the programme of the annual School entertainment. As on the preceding night, the hall was crowded with interested parents and friends. Well laden trees held a great variety of presents, which were duly distributed, and happiness beamed from every countenance.

#### An Invitation.

The following invitation has been handed in for insertion:

"A debating club will commence at Mr. McWilliams' residence precisely at 8 o'clock sharp on Monday evening next. Mr. McWilliams will occupy the chair. Having been an experienced and able organizer in the past, he will undoubtedly efficiently conduct the meeting with great success. By the amiable and good qualities which he is possessed of both in speech and character, we deem it fitting to hand over to him the lines as an able leader. He will exert himself with all dexterity available in this matter, and will no doubt very effectually co-operate with us in accomplishing the desired result, so that his whole heart beats with responsive pulsations for the hopes and aspirations of the people of Moose Jaw.

On the other hand, we must say that it is intolerable for all who have imputed or attempted to analyze motives in connection with our learned friend's proceedings in this matter, and especially as they have in fact attributed several motives which appear to be in themselves dishonorable. As a matter of no consequence the same will be thoroughly investigated and will no doubt receive the thought and consideration of all those who have power to move in the matter. Long discussions will ensue and solid arguments will be the result of the entertainment. You are all cordially invited to come and take the red-hot coals from off his shaggy head."

#### A Critical Case.

"Say, doc, my dog has swallowed a 50 cent piece. What's to be done? I was just showing a man what the dog could do, when the money slipped down his neck. Will he die? Can't you take it out of him?"

"Bring in your dog," said the M.D. "I'll soon fix him. Lay him down on the floor." Turning to an assistant, "You hold his hind legs; Jim, you take his fore legs; hold him tight."

The dog was pinioned, and the doctor drew forth a long glittering knife and approached the scene. "Jim jumped five feet into the air. 'Do you mean to rip the dog open?' he yelled. 'Do you know that dog is worth \$150 more than all the 50 cent pieces in Moose Jaw? Don't you know a good dog when you see one? You confounded gummo!" and here Jim's feelings overpowered him. He yanked the dog on to the street and has since been sitting up nights with him, watching for symptoms."

#### Matrimonial.

On Tuesday afternoon, Christmas Day, a large assemblage was present at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Beasley, Marlborough, to witness the marriage ceremony of their daughter Miss Annie Beasley to John R. Green. From one o'clock in the afternoon till 3:30 when the ceremony was announced to take place, guests had been arriving, bearing numerous and fitting presents as tokens of esteem and good-will towards the bride, showing the high regard in which she is held by her many friends and acquaintances. The bride was given away by her father. She was attired in a dress of cream cashmere, trimmed with cream

silk, and with a wreath and white lace veil. The groom was attended by Mr. W. R. Timmons, of Moose Jaw, while the bride's sister Miss Bertha, acted as bridesmaid. Rev. F. B. Stacey tied the nuptial knot, pronouncing the words which made the young couple man and wife, and many and warm were the congratulations received by the newly wedded pair after the ceremony.

The genial host and hostess had spared no pains in providing for the entertainment and happiness of their guests, and the long winter night passed all too quickly to the great majority who had taken advantage of the many means provided for their entertainment. Games of various kinds were indulged in which caused no little amusement, especially when some of the older heads were so much deceived in their attempt at "kissing the queen," while in the kitchen the floor was kept well occupied long into the wee sma' hours by those who tripped the light fantastic to excellent music, provided by Messrs. Jas. Barrie and J. D. Fraser.

The table, which in many ways would have done justice to the Royal Household, was decorated with the thistle, rose and shamrock, and fully one hundred partook of a sumptuous repast.

The printed list of presents received by the bride would occupy a half column in THE TIMES.

### STONEY BEACH.

#### Christmas Festivities and Notes of Progress.

STONEY BEACH, Dec. 27.—All have of late been busy hauling supplies of wood, and the size of the piles would indicate that there is more wood in the Valley than ever. The fuel question being thus disposed of, the settlers have now no specific occupation, excepting to enjoy life.

Our settlement is rapidly increasing in population and importance. I have to record the advent of a dentist, a doctor and a professor—of philosophy.

David Francis, who since midsummer has been our teacher, has accepted a \$1,000 a year situation in the Edmonton schools. His departure is greatly regretted, as his ability as a teacher is above the average.

R. Lanyon, of the Valley, has invented a wonderful new fangled sleigh, which he claims is a self-pusher,—no weight on the horses. I hear that the boys have given Mr. Lanyon a chain with which to secure the sleigh to a tree when he wants it to remain at home; otherwise it might start perambulating the country to suit its own will.

A respected settler visited Moose Jaw recently, and among other news series he purchased for himself a pair of overboots. He wears No. 9, and was not highly pleased to find on reaching home that he was wearing No. 13. He sometimes hears of it yet.

Jno. Fletcher is organizing dancing parties and wood bees.

Thirty of the denizens of Stoney Beach partook of Xmas dinner with Andrew Hagerty. Such a tableful required a positive bill-of-fare, and Andrew had provided it. There mammoth turkeys graced the board, with all eatables, and were followed by two large Xmas puddings and a monster Xmas cake. The afternoon was spent with games and recitations. In the evening the whole party went to Mr. R. Porter's, where after the sleigh-load was met. After supper the party enjoyed songs and instrumental music, etc., until 12 o'clock, when all dispersed to their homes. Miss Porter proved a capital entertainer. Altogether, Xmas 1894, will long be remembered by the people of Stoney Beach. New Years day is close at hand, when further entertainment is in store.

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